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COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits

- the European search report
- the declaration under Rule 45 EPC
- the partial European search report under Rule 45 EPC
- the supplementary European search report concerning the international application under Article 157(2) EPC relating to the above-mentioned European patent application. Copies of the documents cited in the search report are enclosed.

The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division :

Abstract

Title

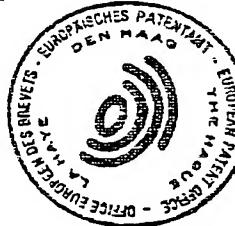
Figure

The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to this communication.

The following figure will be published with the abstract, since the Search Division considers that it better characterises the invention than the one indicated by the applicant.

Figure:

Additional copy(copies) of the documents cited in the European search report.



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The present search report has been drawn up for all claims

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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):

- No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

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- All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, the Search Division did not invite payment of any additional fee.
- Only part of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the inventions in respect of which search fees have been paid, namely claims:

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- None of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims, namely claims:



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claim : 1

CLAIM 1 : electroluminescent material represented by formula N1

2. Claims: 2-4

CLAIMS 2-4: electroluminescent material represented by formulas A1 to A3

3. Claim : 5

CLAIM 5 : electroluminescent material represented by formula B1

4. Claim : 6

CLAIM 6 : electroluminescent material represented by formula C1

5. Claim : 7

CLAIM 7 : electroluminescent material represented by formula D1

6. Claim : 8

CLAIM 8 : electroluminescent material represented by formula E1

7. Claim : 9

CLAIM 9 : electroluminescent material represented by formulas F1 or F2

8. Claim : 10

CLAIM 10 : electroluminescent material represented by formula G2

9. Claims: 11-19

CLAIMS 11-19: electroluminescent element comprising



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

an electroluminescent material and an inorganic fluorescent substance

10. Claims: 20-27

CLAIMS20-27:electroluminescent element comprising an electroluminescent material and a rare earth metal complex

11. Claims: 28-29

CLAIMS28-29:electroluminescent element comprising a substrate, an electroluminescent material containing layer and a colour conversion layer

12. Claims: 30-35

CLAIMS30-35:a colour conversion filter comprising an inorganic fluorescent substance

13. Claims: 36-38

CLAIMS36-38:a colour conversion method

14. Claim : 39

CLAIM 39 : a rare earth metal complex
fluorescent of formula
R2

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